



Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report

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Working Gas in Underground Storage Data Released June 1, 2006 at 10:30 A.M., For the Week Ending May 26, 2006

Region	Stocks (Bcf) for May 26, 2006	Stocks (Bcf) for May 19, 2006	Implied Net Change (Bcf)	Year Ago Stocks (Bcf)
East	1,169	1,119	50	850
West	306	291	15	273
Producing	768	753	15	643
Total Lower 48	2,243	2,163	80	1,766

Region	5-Year (2001-2005) Average Stocks (Bcf)	Difference from 5-Year Average (Percent)
East	769	52.0
West	238	28.6
Producing	530	44.9
Total Lower 48	1,537	45.9

Notes and Definitions

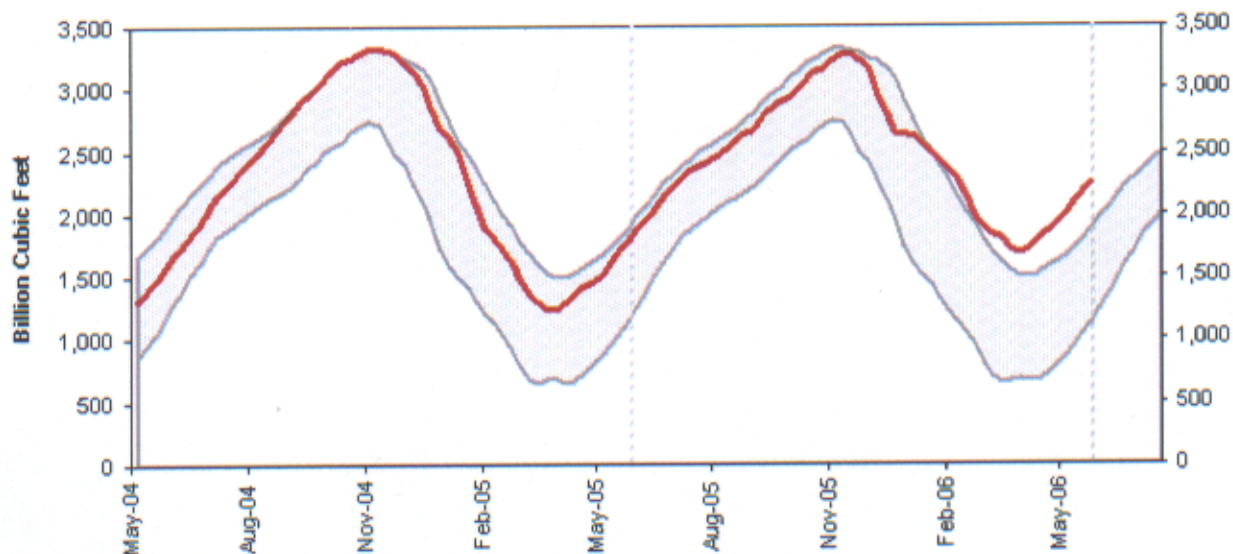
Note: This report tracks U.S. natural gas inventories held in underground storage facilities. The weekly stocks generally are the volumes of working gas as of the report date. Changes in reported stock levels reflect all events affecting working gas in storage, including injections, withdrawals, and reclassifications between base and working gas.

Note: The weekly storage estimates are based on a survey sample that does not include all companies that operate underground storage facilities. The sample was selected from the list of storage operators to achieve a target standard error of the estimate of working gas in storage which was no greater than 5 percent for each region. Based on a comparison of weekly estimates and monthly data from May 2002 through March 2006, estimated total working gas stocks have exhibited an average absolute error of 19 billion cubic feet, or 0.9 percent. For an expanded discussion of the relationship between the current and prior estimates, please see [Differences Between Monthly and Weekly Working Gas in Storage](#).

Storage Highlights:

Working gas in storage was 2,243 Bcf as of Friday, May 26, 2006, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net increase of 80 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 477 Bcf higher than last year at this time and 706 Bcf above the 5-year average of 1,537 Bcf. In the East Region,

stocks were 400 Bcf above the 5-year average following net injections of 50 Bcf. Stocks in the Producing Region were 238 Bcf above the 5-year average of 530 Bcf after a net injection of 15 Bcf. Stocks in the West Region were 68 Bcf above the 5-year average after a net addition of 15 Bcf. At 2,243 Bcf, total working gas is above the 5-year historical range.

Working Gas in Underground Storage Compared with 5-Year Range

Notes: A weekly record for March 8, 2002, was linearly interpolated between the derived weekly estimates that end March 1 and the initial estimate from the EIA-912 on March 15. The shaded area indicates the range between the historical minimum and maximum values for the weekly series from 2000 through 2004.

Source: Form EIA-912, "Weekly Underground Natural Gas Storage Report." The dashed vertical lines indicate current and year-ago weekly periods.

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